NOTICES OF CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES

Notice of intent to adopt Small Harbor Improvement Projects Program (SHIPP) Policies and Procedures

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CONNECTICUT PORT AUTHORITY

In accordance with Section 1-121 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, **notice is hereby given** that the Connecticut Port Authority (the "Authority") proposes to adopt Small Harbor Improvement Projects Program (SHIPP) Policies and Procedures.

Summary of written procedures: The proposed SHIPP Policies and Procedures address the following:

• Grant application guidelines, including, but not limited to, qualified applicant criteria, grant conditions, and eligible costs.

Statement of purpose: To establish SHIPP Policies and Procedures to permit the Authority to effectively conduct its business.

Copies of the proposed SHIPP Policies and Procedures are available at the offices of the Authority between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, by contacting Evan H. Matthews, Executive Director, via e-mail at: info@ctportauthority.com. All interested parties may submit comments in connection with the proposed SHIPP Policies and Procedures, within thirty (30) days following publication of this notice, to Evan H. Matthews, Executive Director, Connecticut Port Authority, 455 Boston Post Road, Suite 204, Old Saybrook, Connecticut 06475, or via e-mail at: info@ctportauthority.com.

Notice of Availability

Long Island Sound Blue Plan

The Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("DEEP") hereby gives notice that a draft of the Long Island Sound Blue Plan, together with the Long Island Sound Resource and Use Inventory and other supporting documents, are available for public review and comment.

The Blue Plan is a marine spatial planning process for Long Island Sound that was authorized by Section 25-157t of the Connecticut General Statutes (Connecticut Public Act 15-66). The intent of the Blue Plan is to plan and account for both the existing human uses of the Sound and the habitats and natural resources needed for marine life to thrive in the Sound. Doing so will help ensure that: (a) the existing human uses and the habitats and natural resources and features of the Sound are protected and (b) any new and existing uses of the Sound will be compatible with each other and with the Sound's habitats and natural resources.

The Blue Plan will not create new regulations; rather it will provide greater clarity and guidance for how decisions will be made under specified existing regulatory programs. The Blue Plan's policies will provide the basis for existing permit programs identified by statute to achieve clearer and more certain protection of the economic, cultural, and ecological values of Long Island Sound, including existing traditional human uses and ecologically significant areas. As such, the Blue Plan will serve as a guide to show what the applicable state and local permit decision-making processes will consider and be based upon. This will provide new and better insight for stakeholders and applicants up-front.

The draft Blue Plan, together with the complete Long Island Sound Resource and Use Inventory and additional supporting and background information is available at http://www.ct.gov/deep/lisblueplan and in hard copy upon request to the address below.

INFORMATION REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

The success of the Blue Plan depends on the involvement of the general public and all stakeholders to make sure the Plan reflects the knowledge, perspectives, and needs of everyone whose lives are touched by Long Island Sound. Interested parties are invited to review and comment on the draft Blue Plan and any other Blue Plan-related topics. Please submit written comments to LIS Blue Plan, Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106-5127 or by email to DEEP.BluePlanLIS@ct.gov on or before June 21, 2019.

Questions may be directed to David Blatt at (860) 424-3610 or to: <u>DEEP.BluePlanLIS@ct.gov</u>.

/s/Brian P. Thompson, Director Land & Water Resources Division Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse

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